

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of selectively storing a display message in a mobile telephone, said method comprising the steps of:

- displaying in an optical display unit of the mobile telephone a short message
 5 which is received in the mobile telephone;
 selecting a desired part of a character string from the displayed short message;
 and
 storing in a memory of the mobile telephone the selected character.

10 2. The method of selectively storing a display message in a mobile telephone according to claim 1, wherein said step of selecting comprises the steps of:

- locating a cursor at the first letter of the displayed short message;
 displacing the cursor to designate a start position of the character string to be stored;
 15 displacing the cursor to designate a last position of the character string to be stored; and
 reading the character string from the start position to the last position from a buffer of the optical display unit.

20 3. The method of selectively storing a display message in a mobile telephone according to claim 2, wherein said step of storing the character string comprises the steps of:

- storing the read character string in a previously allocated storage area of the mobile telephone; and
 25 reporting to a user that a storage is completed.

4. The method of selectively storing a display message in a mobile telephone according to claim 3, wherein the allocated storage area is constructed as a circular queue including a number of storage areas, wherein each of the storage areas has a previously defined length and can store one character string.

5. The method of selectively storing a display message in a mobile telephone according to claim 3, wherein the memory is a non-volatile memory.